Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computing system~~, said computing system~~ comprising:

a communication link for bi-directionally providing a communication channel between a host computing device and a companion computing device, wherein said host computing device has access to ~~at least one database in which~~ a plurality of messages ~~are each~~ stored in a plurality of different languages;

wherein said companion computing device comprises substantially less memory resources than said host computing device, and said companion computing device comprises a display device and further comprises a control device that responds to a user request for one of said plurality of messages in ~~a first~~ one of said plurality of languages not initially supported by said companion device to transmit said request to said host computing device over said communication link; ~~and~~

wherein said request comprises an indicator of a requested language and a message to be supplied in said requested language, wherein said message is provided in a language other than the requested language;

wherein said host computing device comprises storage sufficient to store and convert said request; and wherein said host computing device responds to a receipt of said request for the requested message by retrieving said message in said ~~first~~ requested language from said memory and converting the retrieved message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message in said ~~first~~ requested language[[,]] ;

wherein said host computing device transmits to said companion computing device the bitmap representation of the requested message in the requested language over said communication link for display on said companion display device in said ~~first~~ requested

language, wherein the requested message ~~is comprised of~~ comprises at least multiple characters of said requested language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and

wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, stores and presents the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested ~~image~~ message on said display device.

2. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein said requested message further comprises a character set of a graphic icon.

3 - 7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

9. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having an electronic pen or stylus for handwritten information.

10. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1 wherein said communication link is a wired or wireless communication link.

11. (Currently amended) A method of providing language element support to a companion computing device from a host computing device, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting from said companion computing device a request of a user for a message in a ~~first~~ requested language not initially supported by said companion device,

wherein said request comprises an indicator of the requested language and the message to be supplied in said requested language, wherein said message is provided in a language other than the requested language;

wherein said message is one of a plurality of messages stored in at least one database in a plurality of languages that includes said ~~first~~ requested language, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

receiving said request for the requested message ~~by~~ at said host computing device; and

in response to said receipt of said request for message by said host computing device,

retrieving said message in said ~~first~~ requested language from said database;

converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message in said ~~first~~ requested language;

transmitting to said companion computing device the bitmap representation of the requested message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device in said ~~first~~ requested language, wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of said language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a different one of said specific languages.

14 – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having a pen input device for inputting written information.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said requested message is transmitted over a wired or a wireless communication link.

21. (Currently amended) A storage medium having computer readable program instructions embodied therein, said storage medium comprising:

program instructions for transmitting from a companion computing device a request of a user for a message in a ~~first~~ requested language not initially supported by said companion device, wherein said message is one of a plurality of messages stored in at least one database in a plurality of different languages that includes said ~~first~~ requested language, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

program instructions for receiving said request for the requested message at said host computing device; and

program instructions, responsive to said receipt of said request for the requested message by said host computing device, for retrieving said requested message in said ~~first~~ requested language, converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message and transmitting to said companion computing device a bit map representation of the requested message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device ~~is~~ in said ~~first~~ requested language, wherein the requested message comprises ~~is comprised of~~ at least multiple characters of an arbitrary language, wherein the requested message

is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation of the requested message in said language as a full screen image on said display device.

22. (Previously presented) The storage medium of claim 21, wherein the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon, and wherein said database is associated with said first language.

23. (Previously presented) The storage medium of claim 21, further comprising program instructions for enabling said companion computing device to store the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device.

24 - 27. (Canceled)

28. (New) The computing system of claim 1 further comprising at least one database in which the plurality of messages are stored in a plurality of different languages and wherein the host computing device has access to the at least one database.

29. (New) The computing system of claim 28 wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a different one of said languages.